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In re Application of: Denis VINCENT  
Application No.: 10/054,571  
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For: NICKEL-FREE GREY GOLD ALLOY

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DATE: 8-11-03

APPL. S.N.: 10/054,571

EXAMINER: \_\_\_\_\_

ART UNIT: 1742

PARALEGAL: JEAN PROCTOR

MAILROOM DATE: 7-28-03

AFTER FINAL: YES \_\_\_ NO ✓

NUMBER OF T.D.(S) FILED: 5

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T. D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next office action to notify applicant about the T. D. If you disagree any analysis or have questions at all about the acceptability of the T.D., please see our Special Program Examiner or me.

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☐ The recording fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has not been submitted nor is there any pre authorization in the application to charge to a deposit account. (See 14.25)

☐ Application Examiner has not processed fee for T. D.

☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321(b)(3) in that the person who has signed the T. D. has not stated his/her interest and the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature in the application/patent. (See 14.26)

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☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity. (See 14.28)

☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee. (See 14.29.1)

☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the frame specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the office. 37CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72) NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper submitted by applicant. (See 14.30)

☐ No "STATEMENT" specifying that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and that, to the best of the assignee knowledge and behalf the file is in the assignee seeking to take action 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72)

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☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting is missing or incorrect. (See 14.32)

☐ The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue case(s) being disclaimed is missing or incorrect. (See 14.26, 14.26.4 or 14.26.6)

☐ The period disclaimed is incorrect or not specified. (See 14.27, 14.27.2 or 14.27.3)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_